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4. (Once Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said magnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of Co and Co alloys which include CoCrTa, CoCrPt and CoCrPt-M4, where M4 = B, Mo, Nb, Ta, W, Cu or alloys thereof.

8. (Once Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 5, wherein said ferromagnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of Co, Ni, Fe, Ni alloys, Fe alloys, and Co alloys which include CoCrTa, CoCrPt and CoCrPt-M2, where M2 = B, Mo, Nb, Ta, W, Cu or alloys thereof.

9. (Once Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 5, wherein said magnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of Co and Co alloys which include CoCrTa, CoCrPt and CoCrPt-M4, where M4 = B, Mo, Nb, Ta, W, Cu or alloys thereof.